

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Hassan Serhan et al.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Madam:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the non-final Office Action dated October 16, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.